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Regular Meeting Minutes
Town of Vernon Economic Development Commission
Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.
Vernon Town Hall, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT

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1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Chairperson Jeffrey Cohen at 7:35 AM. Those present were Bill Breslau, Jill Merriam, Bruce Kellogg, Sendrak, Vincent Shaheen, Dan Kennedy, Shaun Gately and Mayor Apel. Absent were Peter Olson and Meghan Scranton. Bill McGurk arrived at 8:01 AM.
2. Public Forum – No one present to address the Commission
3. Approval of Minutes from meeting on September 11, 2013 – *A motion to approve the September 11, 2013 minutes was made by Bill Breslau and seconded by Dan Kennedy. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention.*
4. Economic Development Status Update
 - A. Current Projects
 - 200 West Main Street
They have received funding and will commence work in the near future.
 - Loom City Lofts and Talcott Brothers Mill
Loom City Lofts is looking to have their closing in the first quarter of next year. Talcott Brothers Mill has received bonding approval.
 - Kelly Road Hotel/3rd Floor addition across street
The application for the third floor at the existing Holiday Express will be reviewed at a special meeting to be held between the dates of October 17th and November 7th by Planning and Zoning Commission.
 - Dollar General
They have begun to clear the site.
 - 444 Hartford Turnpike
They have received a permit to build the foundation.
6. New Business
 - A. Zoning Changes – Village District
 - Mr. Gately reported that a subcommittee is being formed to review the zoning changes. A meeting is scheduled for next week.
7. Old Business
 - A. Three Year Plan
 - Mr. Gately reported that he has met with the Town Engineer, Director of Parks and Recreation and Director of Public Works to discuss the sign initiative. He is also going to meet with the local business property owners to inform them of the commission initiative. Most of the signage is located on Town right of ways, so there should not be too many issues.

B. Community Outreach/Events

- Economic Development Showcase – Broker/Developer/Business

The showcase will be held after the meeting this morning and Mr. Gately stated that approximately 70 businesses responded. He thanked both Scranton Motors and the Law Offices of Kahan, Kerensky and Caposella for the sponsoring of the event. The food is to be supplied by the Vernon Board of Education's food services.

There was a brief discussion regarding the new project for downtown Rockville. Mr. Gately stated that there has been dialogue with current business owners and the project is to be phased in with relocation of current business owners and then demolition of buildings. There was a question concerning Amerbelle and Mr. Gately stated that there is still an owner of record and that there is not much could be done at the present time by the Town of Vernon.

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill McGurk and seconded by Vincent Shaheen at 8:02 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary